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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MAKOTO TOMITA) Examiner: N.Y.A.
Application No.: 09/986,254) Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: November 8, 2001)
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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the attached English abstract.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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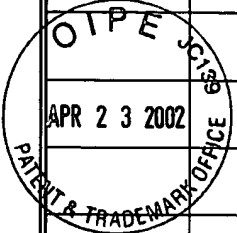
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